

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA) HELD AT
THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON MARCH 17, 2017**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on March 17, 2017, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

There were present the following directors (or alternate directors where indicated):

Mr. Mike Marcotte, Director, representing the City of Alexandria;
Mr. Al Levron, Director, representing the City of Houma;
Mayor Hiram Evans, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville;
Mr. Terry Huval, Director, representing the City of Lafayette;
Mr. Michael Fluhr, Alternate Director, representing the City of Minden;
Mayor Frank Grizzaffi, Director, representing the City of Morgan City;
Mayor Edwin Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine;
Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne;
Mayor Thomas Nelson, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville;
Mayor Buzz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia;
Mayor Carolyn Louviere, Director, representing the Town of Welsh;
Mayor Kiah Beville, Director, representing the Town of Winnfield

Absent:

Mayor Mark Piazza, Director, representing City of Abbeville;
Mayor Kirk Champagne, Director, representing the City of Kaplan;
Mr. Charles Brossette, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches;
Mayor Robert Myer, Director, representing the City of New Roads;
Mayor Kenneth Stinson, Director, representing the Town of Vinton

Non-Voting Member Present:

Mr. Cordell Grand, General Manager
Mr. Kevin Bihm, Assistant General Manager

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

General Manager Grand then gave a report on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that the Town of Winnfield and the Town of Welsh should see February charges similar to the charges in January. He reported that the twelve-month strip for natural gas was at \$3.45 in January and was at \$3.15 on the day of the meeting. He further reported that the twelve-month strip for natural gas in March of 2016 was at \$2.30. He further reported that February fuel costs were 29.5 mills. He reported that the March costs should be less than the costs for January and February.

Assistant General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave a report on disposition of the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that there would be a spring outage commencing on March 22nd.

General Manager Grand then reported that the Louisiana Municipal Association is scheduled to meet in Monroe during the summer, and he requested that Board members consider whether they want LEPA to host a dinner during the convention.

On motion by Mr. Levron that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to ratify the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee held on January 20, 2017, copies of which were in Members' packets.

Assistant General Manager Bihm then reported on operations of LEPA Unit No. 1. He reported that an outage was scheduled to commence on March 31 for a boiler inspection, and that General Electric would be doing a borescope on the combustion turbine. General Manager Grand then reported on water treatment.

General Manager Grand then reported on a proposed executive session to discuss the mediation between LEPA and Robins & Morton. On motion by Mr. Marcotte that was seconded by Mayor Nelson, the Board of Directors went into Executive Session.

On motion by Mr. Levron that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to amend the Agenda to include a discussion about retaining Louisiana counsel. There then ensued a discussion about retention of Louisiana counsel to deal with the suit filed by Robins & Morton. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Board unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to retain Louisiana counsel subject to a \$25,000 cap and approval by Patrick Wartelle. The Board also unanimously voted to increase the cap on the attorney fees incurred by Smith & Currie to another \$25,000.

General Manager Grand then reported on the Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement between LEPA and Energy & Resource Consulting Group, a copy of which was in Members' packets. After some discussion, on motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board of Directors voted to approve execution of the Agreement by LEPA staff.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Beville, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Secretary